



Uniform Guide & Dress Code

2026–2027 School Year

A Message to Our Families

At Monclova Christian Academy, our uniform program is about much more than clothing. It is one way we cultivate an environment that reflects unity, modesty, school pride, and a spirit of excellence. A consistent uniform helps minimize distractions, simplifies daily routines for families, and reminds our students that they represent Christ, their families, and our school wherever they go.

As our school continues to grow, we have taken the opportunity to refine our uniform program to create greater consistency across all grade levels. These updates are not intended to significantly change the spirit of our existing dress code, but rather to strengthen consistency in how it is applied and followed across our school community. In addition, transitioning to a single approved uniform provider and limiting uniform options allows us to maintain a more unified and clearly defined standard for students.

These updates have been made thoughtfully and with our families in mind. We recognize that changes require planning, so we have built in a transition period to allow families ample time to make purchases as uniforms need to be replaced.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support as we work together to maintain a Christ-honoring school environment.

Uniform Provider

To ensure consistency in color, quality, fit, and style, all uniform apparel must be purchased through our approved uniform provider, French Toast. Purchasing through our French Toast school store also supports Monclova Christian Academy through our school uniform partnership program.

The **official MCA crest** will be featured on all approved polos, quarter-zips, and cardigans, creating a consistent and recognizable appearance across our student body.

We encourage families to use the **Fit Help** resources available through French Toast before placing an order. When purchasing skirts and jumpers, please pay particular attention to the length selected to ensure they meet our knee-length expectation.

Transition Timeline

To make these updates as convenient as possible for families:

- **Monogrammed items featuring the official MCA crest are expected to be available beginning in October 2026.**
- **During the 2026–2027 school year**, students may continue wearing their currently approved red and navy polos, cardigans, and quarter-zips while families transition to the new monogrammed items. White polos are no longer approved.
- **Monogrammed tops featuring the official MCA crest will become required beginning with the 2027–2028 school year.**
- Families are encouraged to transition to the new uniform pieces as current items need to be replaced.

Uniform Standards

Uniform Shirts

Students may wear the following approved uniform tops:

- Red polo
- Navy polo
- During colder months, students may wear a **plain white, gray, blue, red, or black long-sleeve T-shirt** underneath their polo for added warmth.

Approved polo colors are **red** and **navy** only. White polos are being phased out.

Beginning with the **2027–2028 school year**, all uniform shirts must be **monogrammed with the official MCA crest**.

Shirt appearance

Uniform shirts should be worn neatly and appropriately throughout the school day.

- Students in Grades 6–12 are required to keep their shirts tucked in at all times.
- Elementary students (K5–5th Grade) are encouraged to keep their shirts neatly tucked in.
- Shirts should be appropriately sized and should not be oversized or excessively fitted.

Uniform Skirt/Jumper

Girls may wear:

- Approved **full-pleated plaid skirt**
- Approved **box-pleated plaid jumper**

All skirts and jumpers must be **knee length**.

Only the navy/red plaid skirts and jumpers are approved beginning 2027-2028. Plain khaki and navy solid skirts and jumpers are being phased out and will no longer be part of the uniform.

When ordering, please carefully select the appropriate size and length. We ask families to purchase skirts and jumpers that provide an appropriate knee-length fit throughout the school year.

Uniform Pants

Both boys and girls may wear **navy or khaki uniform pants**.

Approved uniform pants must be:

- Twill fabric
- Traditional uniform or "docker-style" pants
- Flat-front or pleated
- Traditional straight-leg uniform pants
- Navy or khaki in color

The following are **not** approved as uniform pants:

- Ponte pants
- Stretch pants
- Jeggings/Leggings
- Joggers (elastic cuff)



- Yoga pants
- Athletic-style pants
- Cargo pants
- Skinny-fit or fashion-style pants
- Colored denim or jean-style pants

While we encourage families to purchase uniform pants through our approved provider, French Toast, we understand that pants and shorts often need to be replaced throughout the school year due to normal wear and tear.

For this reason, **uniform pants and shorts may be purchased from another retailer** provided they closely match the approved French Toast style, color, fabric, and fit. We ask families to use discretion when selecting replacement items so that our uniform program remains consistent across the student body. Our intent is to provide flexibility for occasional replacement items while maintaining a consistent and recognizable MCA uniform across our campus.

Elementary Shorts

Elementary students may wear **knee-length navy or khaki uniform shorts** during the warmer months.

Approved shorts should be:

- Twill fabric
- Traditional uniform or "docker-style"
- Flat-front or pleated
- Knee length
- Navy or khaki

Shorts may also be purchased from another retailer provided they closely match the approved uniform style.

Outerwear

The only approved outerwear to be worn during the school day inside the building is:

- Monogrammed quarter-zip featuring the **official MCA crest**
- Monogrammed cardigan featuring the **official MCA crest**
- The full-zip available in the spirit store featuring the **official MCA Thunder logo**
- MCA removable hooded, full-zip jacket featuring the **official MCA crest**

Hoodies, sweatshirts, jackets, and other sweaters are not approved for classroom wear.

Physical Education Uniform

Students in **Grades 6–9** are required to wear the approved MCA Physical Education (PE) uniform on designated PE days. PE uniforms will be available for purchase during **Orientation**.

The required PE uniform consists of:

- MCA-branded PE T-shirt
- MCA-branded athletic shorts

All students are required to have a pair of athletic shoes designated specifically for Physical Education class. These shoes should be clean, non-marking, and reserved for indoor gym use.

Students are responsible for bringing their PE uniform and shoes on designated PE days and should arrive prepared for PE class in the approved uniform and athletic shoes.

Belts

Students in **Grades 6–12** are required to wear a belt whenever their uniform bottoms are designed with belt loops.

Belts should be:

- Solid black
- Solid brown
- Solid navy
- Traditional leather or leather-like material
- Simple in style with a standard buckle

Decorative belts, oversized buckles, studded belts, canvas/web belts, and novelty styles are not permitted.

Shoes

Students must wear closed-toe and closed-heel shoes and be securely fastened. Low-back UGG-style footwear is only permitted for JH/HS students.

The following are not permitted:

- Slippers
 - Crocs
 - Backless shoes
 - Open-toe shoes
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Socks & Tights

Visible socks and tights must be solid navy, red, or white.

Junior High and High School girls may wear solid navy, unbranded traditional fitted leggings underneath their uniform skirt for added warmth.

Please note:

- Only traditional fitted leggings are permitted.
 - Yoga pants, flared leggings, athletic leggings, and any pants-style garment are not considered leggings and may not be worn under the uniform skirt.
 - Leggings may not be worn as pants or as a substitute for the required uniform bottom.
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Spirit Days / Spirit Wear

On designated Spirit Days, students may wear approved **MCA Spirit Wear** with blue or black jeans.

Approved MCA Spirit Wear includes only apparel that:

- Is officially branded for Monclova Christian Academy.
- Has been purchased through the MCA Thunder Spirit Store or the Athletic Department Spirit Store, or was provided by the school as an official new student shirt.
- Is navy, red, white, gray, or black in color.
- Is a school-appropriate t-shirt, polo, sweatshirt, or other approved spirit wear item.

Only officially approved MCA Spirit Wear may be worn on Spirit Days. Apparel from other ministries, organizations, events, or unofficial vendors does not qualify as MCA Spirit Wear.



All Spirit Wear must continue to meet the school's standards of modesty and appropriateness outlined in the general dress code. Spirit Wear may only be worn on designated Spirit Days or other school-approved events.

General Appearance

At Monclova Christian Academy, we desire for our students to present themselves in a manner that reflects respect, modesty, and excellence. Uniforms should be worn neatly and appropriately at all times while on campus and during school-sponsored events when the uniform is required.

Students are expected to observe the following guidelines:

- Uniforms should be clean, neat, and in good repair.
- Clothing should fit appropriately and should not be excessively tight, oversized, or worn in a manner inconsistent with the intended uniform style.
- Students in **Grades 6–12** are expected to keep their uniform shirts neatly tucked in throughout the school day. Elementary students are encouraged to do the same.
- Pants and shorts should be worn at the waist and appropriately fastened.
- Belts are required for students in **Grades 6–12** whenever uniform pants or shorts have belt loops.
- Only approved uniform outerwear may be worn inside the building during the school day.
- Uniform items should not be altered or modified in a way that changes their intended appearance or fit.
- School administration reserves the right to determine whether a student's appearance meets the spirit and intent of the uniform policy.

We appreciate the partnership of our families in helping students take pride in their appearance. A well-maintained uniform reflects not only our school community but also the Christ-like character, respect, and spirit of excellence we seek to cultivate each day.

Our Commitment

These updates are intended to simplify our uniform program while creating greater consistency throughout our student body. Our goal is not simply to establish dress standards but to encourage an atmosphere of excellence, modesty, school pride, and Christ-honoring character.

We recognize that these updates represent a transition, and we are grateful for your partnership as we move forward together. Thank you for your continued partnership with Monclova Christian Academy. Together, we are cultivating a culture of excellence where students grow academically, spiritually, socially, and personally—Educating for Eternity.